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## Quotas For Certain Classes Of Imports Announcement Of New System

Quotas will be granted by Government for certain classes of imports into Hong Kong. These quotas will take into account the total exchange available for the commodity and the previous trade done in that commodity by the applicant.

This was announced by Government yesterday evening in the form of a long release to the Press entitled "System for Allocating Exchange for Imports to be Modified." The Government statement reads as follows:

## Flood Of Soviet Propaganda

London, May 7.

Over 100 "powerful" Soviet radio stations now broadcast in 30 foreign languages, the Soviet Monitor said today in an article reprinted from the Moscow newspaper "Pravda."

In addition, Soviet stations broadcast in 70 languages used by the Russians, the article said, quoting from a speech by Soviet Communications Minister Konstantin Sergelchuk.

Sergelchuk's speech marked today's celebration of Radio Day throughout the Soviet Union. He said 28 new radio stations had opened operations in the first year of the new five-year plan.

Sergelchuk said 21 radio, telegraph and telephone and two radiotelephoto lines had been opened, together with nine international radio lines.

He said the 28 new stations included installations at Leningrad, Riga, Stalingrad, Kuybyshev and Alma Ata.

Observers in London noted that the 70 mentioned languages, with the Soviet Union included, several languages also used outside Russia. They pointed to Tadzhik, used both in Russia and the surrounding areas beyond the Soviet border, as well as Azerbaijan Turk, spoken in Russia and Iran.—United Press.

## Important Search Ruling

Washington, May 8.

In a sharp five-to-four split, the United States Supreme Court ruled this week that officers searching an arrested man's home for instruments of crime may seize evidence to convict him on an entirely different crime if they happen to find it.

The court held that the search was justified as an incident to the man's arrest.

The decision said that the evidence actually found showed a crime being committed in the presence of the officers. It was immaterial, the court held, that this evidence was unrelated to the arrest.

The dissenters contended that the ruling destroys the protection of search and seizure provisions of the constitution and offers "serious threats to the basic liberties."—Associated Press.

Rangoon, May 7.

The Burma Government, in a communiqué today, announced the lifting of the ban on the export of silver, which is at present exportable under Government license, only subject to tariff duty of three annas per troy ounce.—Reuter.

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## BRITAIN AND CHINA

London, May 7.  
Mr. Bevin, Foreign Minister, rejected a suggestion in the House of Commons today that the British Government should take steps to promote a settlement in the Chinese civil war.

Mr. Ewyn Jones, (Lab.) had asked if, in view of the importance of reopening Britain's trading, political and cultural relations with China, the British Government was taking steps to promote a settlement between the parties to the civil war in China? Mr. Bevin: "No. Much as we deplore the continuance of the Chinese civil war, we regard it as entirely a Chinese domestic affair, in which the British Government cannot properly interfere."—Reuter.

## Americans Reported Executed

Nanking, May 8.

Six Americans were among 20 persons shot and killed by the Communists before their evacuation from Wayao-pao, former Communist military base in northern Shensi, Central News learned from reliable sources today.

Wayao-pao was recaptured by General Hu Chung-nan's forces on March 3.

According to these sources, which had made investigations, 20 prisoners, including six Americans, were taken from the jail of the Border-Region High Court where they were detained, to a village in the western suburbs of Wayao-pao where they were "executed" by firing squads.

Their remains were interred on the spot.—Central News.

## Parliament Breaks A Record

London, May 8.

Weary, unshaven and bleary-eyed, members of Parliament left the House of Commons at 10 a.m. having celebrated the second anniversary of V-E Day by breaking this parliament's record for the longest sitting.

They met at 12.30 p.m. (GMT) yesterday and spent 21 hours discussing the conscription bill. When the debate ended at 9.29 a.m. they had disposed of just over half the clauses set as the target for the evening's work yesterday by the Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander.

The ending of the debate meant that members had a less than four hours break before today's session began at 12.30 p.m.—Reuter.

## Labour Hold Jarrow

Jarrow, May 8.

The Government held the seat of Jarrow, Tyneside shipbuilding town, as a result of the by-election announced this afternoon.

Mr. Ernest Pennyhough, 38-year-old trade union organiser, was returned with a majority of 7,016 in a three-cornered contest.

The figures were: Pennyhough, 20,694; Mr. W. Scott (Conservative), 49-year-old Tyne-side industrialist, 18,078, and M. W. Moody, Independent Socialist (23-year-old clerk), 1,114.

The by-election was caused by the death of Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Minister of Education, who at the general election in 1945 had a majority of 11,000 over the Liberal National (anti-Socialist) candidate.—Reuter.

## Mine Tragedy In Yorkshire

Barnsley, May 7.

Nine miners, several only 15 years old, were killed and 25 were injured when Britain's first major pit catastrophe since the Government took over the mines last January struck at noon today and an explosion 720 feet underground sent a sheet of flame roaring throughout the tunnels.

The flames hampered rescue work, and it was not until four hours after the shattering blast that the last body was brought to the surface and laid on the ground in front of the grim-faced waiting people.

The horror of the disaster was described by George Hewitt, who was working in the adjoining coal face. He said that he and his mate opened the connecting door and "we saw two or three lads in a bad state. They were burned about the hands and face and were holding their hands up to their eyes."

In the inky blackness of the earth's bowels, the injured men and boys, whose lamps were blown out by the auction, crawled painfully over the rubble and sharp-edged chunks of coal to meet a rescue team.

A joint statement issued by Lieutenant-General Sir Noel Holmes, Chairman of the Northwestern Division of the National Coal Board, and Mr. Joseph Hall, President of the Yorkshire Miners' Union, said that full attendance at work in the unaffected portions of the colliery was expected tomorrow, and that there was no reason to believe the affected district would be long delayed in production.—Reuter.

London, May 6.  
The northern division of the National Coal Board, in a strongly worded call to striking mineworkers in the northern counties of Durham and Lancashire to return to work at once, declared that the Board would enter into no negotiations whatever.

There was adequate machinery for dealing with such disputes, and this would have been available if the men had remained at work, the Board stated.

The Board declared that it will not tolerate "any interference with the substitute engine winders in Durham and will not allow men who volunteered for training in the present emergency to be victimised."

The latest position in Durham is that, with the aid of substitute winders from the neighbouring colliers, work was resumed at some of the eighteen pits laid idle by the strike over the grievances of members of the local breakaway winders union.

In Durham, there had been full resumption at four of the pits where clauses in the five-day week agreement led to stoppages yesterday. The men went back after officials had assured them that their grievances were being taken up with the Coal Board.—Reuter.

## BROKER SHOT DEAD

Sayville, N.Y., May 7.

The prominent New York stockbroker and Aqueduct Race Track president, Theodore Jackson Knapp, 56, was found shot to death today at the Sportsman's Club near Great River.

No suicide notes were found, but the police believed it was definitely possible that Knapp had taken his own life. A shotgun with one cartridge fired was found in the room with the body.—United Press.

## A New Home For British Capital?

Tokyo, May 8.

The suggestion that more British capital and industry be transferred from the United Kingdom to Australia was made by an authoritative source in Tokyo in the course of discussions on the proposed re-opening of Japan's foreign trade to private business.

This official declared that a tendency to transfer British capital abroad has been increasingly apparent during the past months but South Africa is a preferable destination to Australia, primarily because it is near the United Kingdom and also British business men are concerned over Australia's labour situation.

However, they admit Australia's predominant place in the Pacific and feel that it will be in their own interests to operate in that country, at the same time to give Australia the benefit of their experience in foreign trade.

This point is stressed as it is felt that Australia has missed the boat in supplying the immediate postwar requirements of several countries, including India, which Inter-Allied wanted locomotives.

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Wilkinson, Minister of Education, who at the general election in 1945 had a majority of 11,000 over the Liberal National (anti-Socialist) candidate.—Reuter.

## Hong Kong Case

The official also quoted the case of a Hong Kong business firm which ordered window frames from Australia which although promised within two months have not yet been received, and in the long run it would have been more profitable to have ordered them from

## COMMANDOS FROM H.K.

Malta, May 7.  
An advanced party of more than one hundred Royal Marine commandos arrived here on board the transport "Albion" from Hong Kong to replace the infantry battalions for garrison duties. The main body is expected early in June.—Reuter.

## Fight To Save Life Of Airman

Liverpool, May 7.

The story of a 24-hour unavailing fight to save the life of an airman dying from infantile paralysis while returning from India in the troopship "Empress of Scotland" was told when the ship berthed at Liverpool today.

The airman, 22-year-old leading aircraftsman A. Thatch, was taken suddenly ill near Aden and the ship sent out SOS to the nearest port asking if an iron lung was available.

Hearing that there was none, Lieutenant-Colonel W.E.R. Mens of the Royal Army Medical Corps designated one in the ship and carpenters began building it.

Then the ship's supplies of oxygen ran out, and another SOS was sent out to Aden for more to be flown out. Meanwhile, relays of doctors applied artificial respiration.

An R.A.F. plane parachuted four cylinders into the sea which were picked up by a launch. The oxygen was rushed to the sick man, but before the iron lung could be finished, he died.—Reuter.

## Gandhi Against Partition

New Delhi, May 7.

Mohandas Gandhi tonight announced his opposition to any division of India, despite the Congress Party's conditional acceptance of partition.

He dissociated himself from the Party's action at his regular evening prayer meeting, which, as usual, was interrupted by Hindus objecting to his reading of the Moslem Koran.

The statement marked Gandhi's first open break with the Party of which he is spiritual leader over division of India into Hindu and Moslem states.

Gandhi said: "Congress has accepted the Pakistan (independent Moslem state) scheme and demanded the division of the Punjab and Bengal. I am opposed to any division of India now as I have always been, but what can I do? The only thing I can do is disassociate myself from any such scheme. Nobody can force me to accept it except God."

Although he is consulted by the Congress Party Executive on all major issues, Gandhi is not even a dues-paying member.

Congress leaders have emphasized that they would insist on the division of the Moslem state of the Punjab and Bengal to bring the Hindu-populated areas within Hindustan if Pakistan is agreed upon.

Gandhi leaves tonight in his private third-class railway car for Calcutta.—United Press.

## Millionaire Kidnapped

Singapore, May 7.  
A Royal Air Force plane and a company of Gurkha troops are helping the Malayan police in the hunt for the daring kidnappers of the Chinese millionaire, Mr. Kee Hup Hon.

The search covers 60 square miles.

Six armed men entered the millionaire's home in the town of Sungai Bakap in North Malaya on April 26 to carry out the audacious crime. The police have arrested three men and have offered a reward of \$5,000 (Malayan) for information about the kidnapping.—Reuter.

## RENTS MEASURE AMENDMENTS

Two important amendments to the Landlord & Tenant Ordinance, 1947, are contained in the report of the Standing Law Committee instructed to examine the Bill after its second reading. The Report was laid on the table by the Attorney-General at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

Both these amendments concern the application of the Ordinance. To claim exemption under Clause 3 (1) (c), the premises must now have been "continuously untenanted" since August 16th, 1945, and the expense incurred by the landlord in rendering them inhabitable must now amount to not less than the equivalent of the standard rent of the premises for "seven years"—not one year, as originally proposed.

The Standing Law Committee considered that the exceptions from the application of the Ordinance were too wide and that it, in fact, went beyond the intentions and recommendations of the Tenancy Committee which specially examined the problem.

The Committee also considered that having regard to the present high cost of repairs, extensive repairs could not in fact be effected except at an extra rent of a substantial number of years. The Committee felt that this "should be related to the standard rent for seven years as a minimum."

## Too Short

Under the Ordinance originally proposed, it was laid down that anyone obtaining an order for recovery of possession of premises was restricted from transfer, etc. of the premises for six months without the consent of a Tenancy Tribunal. The Committee considered this period too short, and the words "six months" are now replaced by "twelve months."

Clause 35 laid down that the Ordinance should continue in force up to December 31st, 1947. This has now been amended to "December 31st, 1948," as it is considered that there is little likelihood that necessity for control can disappear before the end of this year.

There are a number of other minor amendments, including the deletion of an unimportant hyphen. The Attorney-General told the Council that it is proposed to publish a reprint of the Bill. This will enable the standing order of the Council to be followed when the Bill comes to the Committee Stage.

Algiers, May 7.

The French cruisers "Richelieu," "Georges Le Gues," "Malo" and "Terrible" are expected to arrive at Casablanca, Morocco, tomorrow, and the aircraft carrier "Arronanches" on Friday.

Both the present Duke and Lady Anne Rhys were defendants in the action brought by the executors.—Reuter.

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# Conscription Bill Passed

## Government Amendment To Reduce Period Of Service To A Year Approved

### Scathing Attack By Mr. Churchill

London, May 7. The controversial Government amendment to reduce from 18 months to a year the period of compulsory peacetime military service in Britain—tabled after more than seventy Labour “rebels” cast their votes against the new conscription scheme recently—was approved to-night in the House of Commons by a combined Government and Conservative majority. There were only 17 dissenting votes.

Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, while protesting that the Government had “nakedly” admitted that the change was brought about by pressure from its own supporters, announced early in the debate that he would support the amendment because it was essential to get the principle of national service established.

The amendment was moved had been decisively outvoted. Mr. Churchill continued. It was disreputability of Government such as had rarely been seen in Britain. The title

of Minister of Defence should be changed to “Minister of Defence unless Attacked.”

The Opposition, Mr. Churchill said, had come to the conclusion that despite the change it would continue to support the Bill.

#### Mr. Crossman

One of the leading “rebels” in foreign policy, Mr. Richard Crossman, welcomed the amendment because, he said, it showed the beginning of a realisation that Labour foreign policy was going to bring British strategy commensurate with her strength.

Cuts could not be coming from India or Germany, he said. The only area with overwhelming weight of British forces was the Middle East.

Did not this decision mean that by 1950 there could not be a great British army in the Middle East and that the Government had decided that unilateral responsibility for that great area was far beyond Britain’s strength?

#### Mr. Eden

A survey of the economic position in the country had brought home to Parliament and advertised to the world the seriousness of the current and prospective economic situation. It was in balancing the needs of defence and national economy that the Government decided to recommend the period be reduced to 12 months.

The men in the forces and those who trained them would have to approach their tasks with a heightened sense of urgency and so order matters that little actual training efficiency would be lost by more intensive training over a period of 12 months, as compared with the more leisurely spacing of training over 18 months.

National service men would be sent only to the nearer overseas stations, mainly in Europe. Their training would be given to an increasing extent in armories of occupation in Germany. Maintenance cost of 100,000 men would be saved by the proposed change.

The sixty days of part-time service in the reserve would be spread over six years instead of five and a half years.

#### Churchill Attack

In a scathing attack on the Government, Mr. Churchill, Opposition leader, said that Mr. Alexander had “nakedly and baldly” admitted that the reason for the change was political—because 70 or 80 Labour Members voted against the Government on the second reading of the Bill.

It was simply panic in the face of pressure by a minority who

#### BRITAIN'S DEBTS

Washington, May 7. The U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Snyder, told a press conference here today that he had supported the thesis that Britain should negotiate a settlement of her war debts to wartime Allies. He declined to say whether the United States was in favour of these being scaled down in view of Britain’s contribution to the general war effort.

Presented by correspondents to comment on Mr. Dalton’s statement yesterday that the scaling down must come sooner or later, Mr. Snyder said that the United States had not been approached for assistance in Mr. Dalton’s programme of negotiation and had not worked out any figures indicating by how much the debts should be scaled down.—Reuter.

had that in mind. If not, they should say so and also produce more convincing reasons. This was surrender to a minority of a party which would have calamitous consequences. He did not know what the Foreign Secretary thought in Moscow when he heard this decision.

Replying to the debate, Mr. Alexander said it was wrong to suggest that the decision to alter the length of wholifetime service had anything to do with the question of surrender on foreign policy, as had been suggested.

But, he added, there would be greater difficulty in meeting the garrison situation overseas because of the change.

The Government had taken the risk that between now and 1950 the situation in regard to British commitments would have improved.

#### Nothing Jettisoned

When Mr. Eden asked what overseas commitments were being thrown overboard, Mr. Alexander answered that nothing was being thrown overboard.

Eventually, the motion that the 18 months remain in the Bill was defeated by 311 votes to 163. The Government’s amendment to make it 12 months was carried by 368 votes to 17. In the second vote Mr. Churchill and some of the Conservatives voted with the Government.—Reuter.

## Talks In London On India's Future

London, May 7. General Lord Ismay, the Viceroy’s Chief of Staff, and his colleagues who flew from Delhi to London at the week-end with Lord Mountbatten’s report to the Cabinet on the Indian constitutional problem, arranged a further conference tonight at No. 10 Downing Street with the India experts of the Cabinet.

With the Prime Minister presiding, other Ministers attending were the Secretary of State for India, Lord Listowel, Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. A. V. Alexander. The Viceroy’s mission spent today in discussions on policy with various high officials of the India Office. Authoritative quarters maintained complete silence upon the talks themselves.

Political quarters believe, however, that their scope covers the vital question of whether the partition of India is now inevitable, or whether there is still some prospect of the Cabinet Mission’s plan of May 10 last year, providing a broad pattern for the transfer of power.

The general belief at the moment is that the talks may extend into next week. The return of the

Mission to Delhi, with the Cabinet’s reaction to the Viceroy’s report, may, it is thought, be followed at an early date by some official indication of the Government’s and Viceroy’s mind on the next steps proposed.—Reuter.

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## Senator Shot In Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, May 7. Pistol-carrying legislators from Holdenville toted a home town feud into the State Senate Chamber and when the shooting was over, one man was wounded and another held by officers.

State Senator Tom Anglin, 64, oldest member of the Upper House in point of service, was shot through the left hip and abdomen. Representative Jimmie Scott, 34, was arrested a few minutes after the exchange of shots.

Witnesses said Anglin was walking across the middle of the well-filled Senate Chamber when Scott approached from the rear of the Chamber. They heard Anglin say “Don’t shoot,” then “Oh” as the first shot felled him.

They said Anglin pulled a gun as he fell and fired a wild shot while Scott was firing the second blast, which missed.

Scott is an ex-Marine who saw action in the Southwest Pacific. Officers said charges against him would be filed tomorrow.—United Press.

## Soviet Demands On Hungary

London, May 7. The Soviet Government presented claims on Hungary totalling £50,000,000 over and above Hungary’s reparations obligations to Russia during the reparations talks now proceeding.

## Hid In A Kosher Meat Box

Jerusalem, May 7. Under the armistice and peace treaty terms, Hungary is bound to pay the Soviet Union £50,000,000 in reparations over a period specified as six years in the armistice and extended to eight years in the peace treaty.

Russia’s fresh additional claims thus equal the total of the reparations fixed for Hungary. These claims will fall into three categories:

(1) Russia demands the transfer of all German assets in Hungary. To these she is entitled under Article 28 of the peace treaty as also under the Potsdam Agreement. It is understood that these amount to about one-half of the total involved.

(2) Russia demands that Hungary should pay her the total of all sums owing by Hungary to Germany at the end of the war.

(3) Russia demands that Hungary should repay her obligations to Russia incurred (a) as a result of Soviet advances to the Hungarian provisional government in the final month of the war and (b) as a result of Soviet aid in equipping and arming the Hungarian Army.—United Press.

Murder

Jerusalem, May 7. Billy Helmuth, Assistant Manager of the Palestine Government printing works, was shot by two unknown gunmen in a Jerusalem cafe tonight and died almost immediately.

Helmuth’s body was still lying on the edge of the dance floor of the Cafe Raviv in a Jerusalem suburb as the police questioned the people at surrounding tables.

He is believed to have been a German Christian who informed the police about terrorists.—Reuter.

## Drunken Brawl In Gaol

Rome, May 7. Two bandits seized six and a half million liras (roughly US\$26,000) but missed a further haul of twenty million lira (\$80,000), in the streets of Milan today.

The bandits stopped a car driven by the cashier of a Milan factory.

The booty that they missed

was in another box in the car, and was overlooked.—Reuter.

## Americans Can Claim English Titles

London, May 7. United States citizens who are found to be the heirs to British baronetcies can accept their titles, free of charge, without affecting their American citizenship, the 1947 edition of “Debrett’s Peerage, Baronetage, Knightage and Companionage” declared today.

Only those in the employ of the United States Government are barred from accepting the titles, “Debrett” declared, and even in their case, it was open to Congress to permit acceptance.

“Debrett,” published today, pointed out that there are 13 baronetcies—hereditary knightships—to which no one had proved a claim. It also informed such heirs that no fees are payable on the succession to a baronetcy.

A record of war losses suffered by the families named in Debrett showed 1,400 names, including 28 peers and 37 barons killed while serving in the armed forces during the war. Five peers were killed in air raids and two baronets died while prisoners in enemy hands.

The Duchy of Connaught, two baronetcies and 8 baronetcies have become extinct through the death in action of the holders of the titles.

No Fees

The preface to the new edition of “Debrett” also disclosed that there are 19 unclaimed baronetcies, and that in several cases, the heirs are known but have refused to claim the titles. Adding that in some cases the heirs may think that heavy fees are charged to claimants, Debrett says there are no fees payable.

Debrett also recalls the recent report in American newspapers that a United States citizen said that he would not claim a title to which he was heir because he was afraid that he would lose his United States citizenship.

It would appear, says Debrett, that under United States law, only Government employees were prohibited from

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will be held at the Offices of Messrs.  
Jardine, Matheson and Company,  
Limited, Hongkong, on Thursday,  
the 29th day of May, 1947, at  
12 o'clock Noon, to transact the  
ordinary business of the  
Company.

The Share Register and  
Transfer Books will be closed  
from the 26th April to 9th May,  
1947, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Agents.  
THE CANTON INSURANCE  
OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hong Kong, 21st April, 1947.

### HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the  
Thirty-eighth Ordinary General  
Meeting of the Company, will  
be held at the Offices of Messrs.  
Doddwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor,  
Hongkong Bank Building, on  
Wednesday, the 21st May 1947,  
at 11 a.m. for the purpose of  
receiving the Report and  
Statement of Accounts for the  
period 1st December 1946 to  
31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the  
Transfer Books of the Company  
will be closed from the 7th May  
1947 to the 21st May 1947,  
both days inclusive.

DODDWELL & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

### DENNIS & Co., Ltd.

Bols Agents for  
THE NEW ASIA WHITE-ANT  
DESTROYING CO.  
(Canton)  
WHITE-ANT EXTERMINATORS  
Holland House (5th Floor)  
Tele: 28324 & 3203

tion 44 of the Com-  
panies Ordinance,  
1932 and the direc-  
tors may appoint any  
person to sign such  
contract on behalf of  
the persons entitled  
to the dividend or  
capitalised fund, and  
available for dividend (or  
representing pre-  
miums received on  
the issue of shares  
and standing to the  
credit of the share  
premium account) be  
capitalised and dis-  
tributed amongst  
such of the share-  
holders as would be  
entitled to receive  
the same if distributed  
by way of divi-  
dend and in the same  
proportions on the  
footing that they be-  
come entitled thereto  
as capital and that  
all or any part of  
such capitalised pro-  
fits or reserves be  
applied on behalf of  
such shareholders in  
paying up in full  
either at par or at  
such premium as the  
resolution may pro-  
vide, any unissued  
shares or debenture  
stock of the company  
which shall be  
distributed accord-  
ingly or in or to-  
wards payment of  
the uncalled liability  
on any issued shares  
or debenture stock,  
and that such distribu-  
tion or payment  
shall be accepted by  
such shareholders in  
full satisfaction of  
their interest in the  
said capitalised pro-  
fits or reserves."

If the above resolution is  
duly passed as a special resolution  
the following two resolutions  
will be proposed as ordinary  
resolutions respectively  
viz:-

(1) That the authorised  
Capital of the Company  
be increased to \$20,000,-  
000 by the creation of 3,-  
350,000 new shares of  
the nominal value of \$5  
each.

(2) That it is desirable to  
capitalise a sum of  
HK\$6,500,000 being part  
of the balance standing  
at the credit of the Fixed  
Assets Revaluation  
Reserve of the company  
and accordingly that such  
sum be and is hereby  
capitalised, and that such  
capital sum be applied  
on behalf of the persons  
who on the 29th day of  
May 1947 were the  
holders of the 650,000  
issued shares of the com-  
pany in payment in full  
for 1,300,000 new shares  
of the company of the  
nominal value of \$5  
each, and that such  
1,300,000 new shares  
credited as fully paid be  
accordingly allotted to  
such persons respectively  
in the proportion of two  
of such new shares for  
every one of the said  
issued shares then held  
by such persons respec-  
tively, and that the  
shares so allotted shall  
be treated for all pur-  
poses as an increase of  
the nominal amount of  
the capital of the com-  
pany held by each such  
shareholder, and not as  
income and further that  
such new shares shall  
from the 1st day of  
January 1947 rank for  
dividend and in all other  
respects pari passu  
with the already issued shares.

By Order of the Board,  
W. H. PATERSON,  
Secretary

Hongkong, 6th May, 1947.

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### NOTICE

The Government have decided  
to modify the system at present  
in force for allocating ex-  
change for imports from the  
U.S.A., Philippines and Can-  
ada.

2. The total volume of im-  
ports from these countries will be  
about the same as for the  
same period last year, but it  
is hoped that the proposed sys-  
tem, by giving importers ad-  
vance notice of the exchange  
they will be allowed, will en-  
able them to settle their busi-  
ness ahead, with the knowledge  
that there will be no difficulty  
about making payment.

3. It is intended to give  
quotas for certain classes of  
goods and these will be fixed  
by the S.T. and I, taking into  
account the total exchange  
available for the particular  
commodity and the previous  
trade in that commodity done  
by the applicant.

4. To avoid a multiplicity of  
applications for exchange for  
goods which probably cannot be  
considered, it has been neces-  
sary to draw up a proposed list  
of goods which are acceptable  
and for which applications will  
be entertained. A copy of this  
list is attached as Schedule "A"  
and Schedule "B".

5. Applications in the first  
instance should be submitted in  
writing to the S.T. and I, De-  
partment showing:

(a) quantity and value in U.S.  
dollars of articles required  
to be imported during  
the period June/Decem-  
ber 1947;

(b) quantity and value in U.S.  
dollars of each of the  
articles given imported by  
them in any full year pre-  
war, those under Schedule  
"A" being kept separate  
from those under Schedule  
"B";

(c) a list of U.S. and Can-  
adian agencies held;

(d) where a firm has been  
established since the war  
it should show:

i. date of registration  
ii. capital—authorised and  
issued  
iii. details as requested at  
(c).

6. The present schedules do  
not pretend to be comprehen-  
sive, and applications from im-  
porters holding U.S. and Can-  
adian agencies for commodities  
not on the list at present will  
be considered. It is also hoped  
to expand the list by adding  
other articles deemed essential  
for use in the Colony, but im-  
porters should not apply unless  
they can put forward very  
strong justification in writing  
for the import of those com-  
modities.

7. Pending the final defini-  
tion of these quota applica-  
tions for U.S. exchange etc.  
should be made in the usual  
way to the Financial Secretary.

SCHEDULE "A"  
Building Materials,  
Wood (timber),  
Sanitary fittings,  
Machinery and Engines,  
Machine Tools,  
Tin Plate,  
Wire,  
Iron and Steel,  
Piping and pipes,  
Spares parts for motor  
vehicles,  
Rubber tyres (now),  
Refrigerators,  
Electric fans,  
Mineral oil,  
Paraffin wax and  
Petroleum products,  
Vegetable oils and  
Fats,  
Castor Oil, Colza,  
Hempseed, Olive oil,  
Coconut oil, etc.,  
Essential oils—  
Citronella, Sandalwood,  
Ginger, Peppermint, etc.,  
Sewing machines,  
Office machinery and equip-  
ment,  
Typewriters, Calculators,  
Cash registers, Filing  
Cabinets etc.,  
Dyesuffs and tanning mater-  
ials,  
Industrial and manufactured  
Chemicals,  
Unmanufactured leaf tobacco,  
Pharmaceutical and  
Toilet preparations,  
Razors and razor blades,  
Paper,  
Ink,  
Periodicals and books,  
Films unexposed—all types,  
Motion pictures,  
Motion pictures (rented),  
Piccadilly,  
Manufactured clothing,  
Haberdashery,  
Food,  
Fresh fruit,  
Tinned fruit,  
Dried fruit.

By Order of the Board,  
W. H. PATERSON,  
Secretary

Hongkong, 6th May, 1947.

### HARBOUR DEPARTMENT

#### NOTICE

It is hereby notified that  
sealed tenders in triplicate  
which should be marked "Tender  
for Repairs to Sanitary De-  
partment Launches Nos. 1 & 3,  
Revenue Department Launch  
No. 1 and Fire Brigade Depart-  
ment Launch No. 1," will be  
received at the office of the  
Chairman, Tender Board, until  
noon on Friday, 16th May, 1947.

Details of specifications etc.,  
are obtainable from the Super-  
intendent Engineer, Govern-  
ment Slipway, Yaumati.

Tenders must deposit at the  
Treasury Prince's Building, the  
sum of \$1,000.—(Dollars One  
Thousand), which sum shall be  
forfeited to the Hong Kong  
Government if the successful  
tenderer fails to complete the  
transaction. The deposit will be  
returned to unsuccessful tender-  
ers.

Government does not bind  
itself to accept the lowest or  
any tender.

J. JOLLY,  
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,  
Hong Kong,  
6th May, 1947.

#### NOTICE

Applications are invited for  
the post of Draughtsman in the  
Office of the Principal Surveyor of  
Ships, Harbour Department.

Qualifications: C and I dates  
should have extensive drawing  
office and design experience  
with a reputable ship-building  
and ship-repairing establish-  
ment, and should be well versed  
in ordinary ship calculations.

Age: 30 to 35 years.

Salary: \$2,000 per annum to  
\$3,000 per annum by annual  
increments of \$100, together  
with high cost of living al-  
lowance of approximately 50%  
of salary.

Selection will be made by in-  
terview and examination in  
English, mathematics, ship-  
drawing, design, calculations and  
tracing.

Candidates should apply in  
their own handwriting to the  
Principal Surveyor of Ships,  
Harbour Office, giving full de-  
tails of experience and qualifi-  
cations, together with three copies  
of recent testimonials.

Closing date for applications:  
14th May, 1947.

J. JOLLY,  
Harbour Master.

Hong Kong, 7th May, 1947.

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

#### PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of  
Frances Stokes late of  
Sydney in the State of New  
South Wales, Australia  
Widow, deceased,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Court has by virtue of  
Section 58 of the Probates Or-  
dinance 1897, made an Order  
limiting the time for creditors  
and others to send in their  
claims against the above estate  
to the 2nd day of June, 1947.

All creditors and others are  
accordingly hereby required to  
send their claims to the under-  
signed on or before that date.  
Dated the 8th day of May 1947.

JOHNSON, STOK

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## FINES FOR PROFITEERING S.T. & I. Official's Statement

According to the request of Mr. J.H.G. Pitman, Chief Inspector, Price Control Section of the S.T. & I., heavy fines were imposed on 14 profiteers by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. His Worship also issued the warning that heavier penalties would be imposed in the future.

Asking for a serious view to be taken, Mr. Pitman reminded His Worship that a few weeks ago the Press gave wide publicity to a statement of mine that a Magistrate has power under Defence Regulation 84 to impose a maximum fine of \$2,000.

Continuing, Mr. Pitman said: "I pointed out at that time that if the maximum fine of \$2,000 proved an insufficient deterrent then this Court has power, at my request, to commit any case to the Supreme Court where a maximum fine of \$10,000 can be imposed."

"Today, in this Court are several defendants appearing for the second and even a third time for the same offence of contravening the Price Control Regulations. This proves that an imposition of a moderate fine is no deterrent."

"Much congestion in Magistrate's courts is caused because of the fact that the same defendant is summoned time after time. This unnecessary multiplicity of prosecutions, which wastes so much time of busy officials, would vanish if exemplary fines were imposed."

In several cases where the overcharge was exorbitant His Worship told the defendants that the Court did not want to send them to prison but to hit them where it hurt the most -- in their pockets. Fines ranging from \$50 to \$500, and totalling \$4,575 were imposed.

### Shopkeeper's Query

On being fined \$10 for selling a cake of "Palomino" soap for 40 cents and one cake of "Superior" soap for 80 cents (40 cents), Chau Yat-wan of Sam Kee, 198 Shanghai Street, asked "Why does Your Worship impose such a heavy fine?"

On being told "You are a large shop and sold cakes at about 80 per cent, overcharged price," defendant replied, "As this is my first offence there should not be such a heavy fine."

Kwok Sun of Chung Tung, 138 Latichuk Road, told His Worship that the Chung Tung store could not even do \$10 business a week, so he had to pay a fine of \$12.50 instead of 50 cents, for a cake of "Palomino" soap. On his request being refused, defendant first asked for one week, then three days, and finally 24 hours, to pay. He was given until 5 p.m. to raise the amount.

For overcharging five cents on a small tin of "Shinola" soap polish, Tong Tat of Tai Po, 138 Latichuk Road, was fined \$30 with an additional \$20 for failing to display a price tag.

Leung Sun of Sam Kee, 17 Boundary Street, was fined a total of \$125 for selling a 10" x 12" piece of glass for \$1.80 (\$1.40) and for not having a price tag.

When Jones Wong of Jones Wong and Co., 242 Nathan Road, appeared to answer a summons for overcharging "Coco-cola" for 40 cents instead of 35 cents, Mr. Pitman informed the Court that the summons was taken out as the result of complaints from members of the public and the Press who had been doing business with the firm for years and were getting "fed up with being overcharged."

The defendant firm, said Mr. Pitman, is a large one, doing "quite a business" with the family of Kowloon. Defendant was fined \$50.

Fined \$100 in last November for overcharging on laundry washing, Tom Ho-shing of Sun Chong Co., 356 Nathan Road, was fined \$100 for selling one "Prophydol" short, adult toothbrush for \$1.50 (\$1.20).

Lee Chau of Tsui Kong Glass Shop,

## MAJESTIC

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GEORGE BANCROFT  
AN M-G-M PICTURE

NEXT CHANGE  
Robert TAYLOR in  
"STAND BY for  
ACTION"

### BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



### STOLE FROM SOLICITOR

Eight weeks' imprisonment was imposed on Lan Kuen, 40-year-old watchman at 69 Robinson Road when he was found guilty by Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday, of fraudulently taking three presents, four mirrors and five bowl lamps and converting them to his own use, the property of Mr. Peter Sin, solicitor. Defendant was told to look after the property but did not do as he was told and instead sold the property to a marine dealer.

Servants should be discouraged from permitting strangers to lodge in servants quarters. Every one is advised to make himself acquainted with the telephone number of his local police station and should not hesitate to inform the police of any suspicious activity.

A note should be kept of the full description of any property that is valuable and numbers or identification marks should be placed on things in common use such as bicycles, car parts, water pump motors, and similar articles which are hard to identify from others of similar make.

### Cousins In Dispute

Wan Chak Tam, manager of the Wan Ching Un firm, appeared yesterday before Mr. Salmon at Central charged with embezzlement and larceny, while Ko Kam Chiu, accountant, was charged with aiding and abetting.

On behalf of the complainant, Mr. Hin Shing Le said that the firm had been in existence for 80 years. It was founded by complainant's grandfather and when he died the business was left to five cousins, each of whom were to have an equal share. Plaintiff was accused of embezzling \$100 for a similar offence, Lam Hung of Hung Kee, 100 Shanghai Street, was fined \$100 for selling a pair of iron glasses, 10" x 12", for \$1.20 (80 cents), and for not displaying the control price. The selling price was \$1.40, and defendant \$1.20 for not affixing a price label.

### Fine Reduced

An overcharge of nearly 150 per cent on a cake of "Palomino" soap which he sold for \$1.30 (70 cents) resulted in an offence in January.

With previous conviction in January for a similar offence, Lam Hung of Hung Kee, 100 Shanghai Street, was fined \$100 for selling a pair of iron glasses, 10" x 12", for \$1.20 (80 cents), and for not displaying the control price.

Final \$25 in December last for a similar offence, Lam Sung-wan of the Kowloon Confectionery Co., was fined \$10 for selling two bottles of fresh cold milk for 55 cents per bottle (80 cents). Mr. Pitman pointed out that the price was clearly given in the menu cards of the establishment.

Another second offender, Chung Kia of the Kowloon Bldg., 657 Shanghai Street, was fined \$425 for selling one cake of "Palomino" soap for \$1 (70 cents) and for having no price displayed.

"Go back and talk it over with your master first," said Mr. Blair-Kerr to Au Hon, who claimed to be only a boy of the Tung Ah, 547 Shanghai Street, when he stated that he could not pay the fine of \$500 and asked for the fine to be kept as capital for speculating in other branches of the firm.

First defendant and complainant were cousins. Mr. Lo claimed that when his client asked to see the books, defendant told him to come the following day and he would tell him the profits during the last eleven months.

When complainant went the following day, he alleged, the account books were no longer in the office but the monthly sales books and the general account book were found. It was found that the sales book had larger sums of money entered than the general account books.

Complainant, giving evidence, said that the Hong Kong business had been founded in 1938 and since then first defendant had been in charge of both the Canton business and the Hong Kong branch, while the other four cousins had worked occasionally with him.

Complainant admitted that both defendants received very poor salaries.

Mr. M. da Silva, for the defence, asked for an adjournment at this point.

The case was adjourned until May 27.

### Nicknames Proved Easier

Japanese counsel, Mr. Yamana Toshigo, defending the nine accused in the Kinkaseki Copper Mine trial before No. 5 War Crimes Court, found it easier yesterday to refer to the former copper mine foremen by the nicknames they had been dubbed by POWs.

In his cross-examination of Warrant Officer Edwards, Mr. Yamana asked witness such questions as "Did you ever see the Ghost yourself? Did you see him beating anyone yourself?"

Admits read into the Court record bore headings "Evidence on the 'Ghost,'" "Evidence on Charlie Chaplin," The "Charlie Chaplin" referred to was not the famous comedian, but a "two-bar hancho" or senior foreman at the copper mine.

An affidavit sworn to by Gnr. G. H. Williams and read into the Court record accused "Charlie Chaplin" of having ordered another "hancho" known as "Soglo Soglo" to set two POWs to work in a hole that had been closed as dangerous. Williams testified in his affidavit that the two men were buried when the roof fell in. He put the two bodies in a bogie and went to the surface with them.

An affidavit sworn to by Sgt. Ewing, of the Royal Corps of Signals, stated that he and another POW received eight strokes with a hammer from "The Eagle" and six from "Frying Pan," who

had been given the same work to do in the mines as criminals from the Japanese prison at Taihoku.

He singled out Zushi or "The Eagle" as having been responsible for more beatings than any other "hancho."

Another affidavit from a Formosan "one-bar hancho," Jo Shi Ki, testified to Cho Kun Teku, another of the accused, as beating

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The Problem of Russian Recovery  
And Industrialisation

# STALIN HAS A GIGANTIC TASK AHEAD OF HIM

By  
**JOHN HIGHTOWER**

The Russian people appear to be making prodigious efforts this spring to rebuild their war-wrecked cities and towns and to step up production of their farms and factories.

Evidences of this show up in the press and the periodic five-year plan progress reports.

They are also visible for hundreds of miles along the railway that runs from Moscow through Smolensk to Brest Litovsk, Warsaw and Western Europe.

I have just completed a trip over this railway and on through Warsaw, Berlin, Brussels and Calais to London. The four-day journey provided a study in contrasts between the Soviet Union, Poland, Germany, France and England. Generally the trip showed the USSR, despite the driving power of its Communist leadership and its ambitious economic plans, has a long way to travel before reaching the industrial development of western nations and producing a population with individual skills and initiative of the western peoples.

## Twisted Wreckage

In Russia there are still countless tons of twisted steel wreckage of railroad cars, locomotives, rails, tanks and trucks, rusting along the railway and beside black earth of newly-ploughed fields. For scores of miles on approaches to Smolensk, bomb pits, shallow trenches and caved in dug-outs spread over the pastures. There is little livestock in the fields between Moscow and Brest Litovsk.

New houses are being built in the White Russian countryside and are almost entirely log cabins. Virtually no stone or brick construction is to be seen. Asphalt and concrete highways do not appear to exist. A few roads have cobble stone surfaces. But most are rutted trails. These observed facts help pose the problem of Russian recovery and industrialisation.

They do not take into account the work going forward in great industrial areas, except for factories seen around the capital (Moscow). In general the Moscow factories are outmoded by the American standard.

Reports reaching Moscow generally indicate steady progress in the reconstruction in the Don basin and the Urals.

## New Lives

VISIBLE signs of rebuilding on the way westward from Moscow include many miles of a new telephone and telegraph line under cultivation. Occasionally there is a bright splash of new

## 100 Years Ago Today

(Excerpts from The China Mail, May 9, 1947.)

Government advertises for tenders "for cutting and levelling a site for the new Government House". Particulars to be obtained at the office of the Royal Engineer; tenders to be addressed to the Colonial Secretary.

"H.M.'s Sloop Scout, on her way to Foo-chow-foo on the 1st instant when opposite Chinmee bay, fell in with a fishing boat, the crew of which pointed out two suspicious looking junks standing off the land, which they stated had that morning attacked some trading vessels working up the coast.

The "Scout" immediately gave chase and fired.

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(From the correspondence column.)

"A great deal has been said and written about the cause of the fevers in this island. I am inclined to agree with the late Dr. Dill in attributing them to marsh miasma, that caused, by a total lack of drainage and kept up by its being still imperfect."

"The mortality of the French Army in Algeria compared with that of Hongkong is remarkable as showing the great and steady improvement which has taken place in new Colonies in a somewhat similar position."

"That the mortality in this island was most serious a few years back is certain for, in 1845, the mortality during the 6 months from May to October was of European troops, 24 per cent."

Simontown, May 7.  
The 65-year-old South African training ship "General Botha", 245 tons, stationed at Simontown, near Capetown, is to be sunk next week by shore batteries.—Reuters.

Simontown, May 7.

The 65-year-old South African training ship "General Botha", 245 tons, stationed

paint but most structures are weather beaten and unpainted.

From the Polish border westward, most of the recoverable steel from wrecked war machines has been reclaimed or cleaned up into junk heaps.

Ruined brick and stone houses dot the countryside but new buildings are going up in stone and brick as well as wood.

Fields in the west are more intensively cultivated and have a more orderly appearance than those in Russia. Bomb craters and dug-outs seem pretty well ploughed under. There is more livestock visible in Poland than Russia.

Cars of all description are more in use.

## Deterioration

The great cities of Russia—Moscow and Leningrad were not nearly so damaged in war as Warsaw and Berlin. Most of the damage in Moscow is no longer visible.

What does strike a western visitor to the Soviet capital is the deterioration of older buildings. They appear to be falling to pieces. Their courtyards are muddy and often filled with junk. Whole sections of Warsaw are nothing but mountains of rubble. Streets have been cleared, however. Shops of temporary construction have opened in the main business section.

Berlin is a wilderness of hulks of buildings bleaching like skulls in the spring sun. But the 3,500,000 living there are less crowded than those in

Moscow. Moscow's population has doubled during the war. It is estimated that there are at present 8,000,000. Families of four or five live in a single room. One apartment has four rooms and a hall, including a kitchen. It may house 15 or 20 persons.

## Many Years

The Soviet Union plans to make its capital one of the most beautiful in the world—with broad streets and modern buildings, including skyscrapers.

Foreign observers say it will be many years in realising this because the Soviet industrial development is far from mass production levels.

American engineers said the average Russian can be trained quickly to become a good mechanical worker. But they say it will take many years to develop a class of foremen with sufficient skill and administrative ability to run a really good industrial system.—Associated Press.

## CARNIVAL



## British Air Policy Gives Rise To Misgivings

By E. COLSTON SHEPHERD

son between two-engined and four-engined classes in this category.

### The Miles Marathon

It is the four-engined Miles Marathon which can be used as a 21 seater but, by Viking standards, would more properly be fitted-out as a 10-seater. It uses four engines of 600 h.p. each. We shall be able to judge the value of four-engine design for smaller aircraft when the present view is that something will be lost if the well-tried class of two-engined air liners has to be abandoned to meet new International requirements.

After all economic arguments in favour of the big unit, the decision to keep to the smaller type, with the consequent likelihood that some services will have to be duplicated, requires some explanation. That explanation rests first on the fact that the two-engined type of airliner is under consideration, and, secondly, on new standards of performance which the International Civil Aviation Organisation is recommending its members to require in all aircraft.

These are smaller than the new liners which most companies in the United States intend to use for comparable services in North America. They are smaller than the alternative British liner, the Airspeed Ambassador which BE.A.C. might have chosen.

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### New Performance Standards

Those standards are regarded in some quarters as marking the end of the two-engined airliner. Among them is a provi-

sion that if half the available engine-power should fail at take-off, the liner must be capable of continuing take-off and of climbing at a certain number of feet per minute. I know of no two-engined air liner at present which can fulfil the requirements. Viking can take-off on one engine, but it cannot quite make the proposed rate of climb on one engine.

The operator faced with the possibility that these standards will be applied to his aircraft by 1951, may take a course which brings him nearest to them at the moment or may decide to wait until he is forced to conform. His choice will depend on his own estimate of the value of the highest possible safety standards to his business. His choice will also be influenced by the type of airports which his aircraft must use, his difficulties in making a choice are complicated by the fact that he cannot hope to make a profit.

### Take-Off Factors

High safety factors at take-off can be expressed, not simply perhaps but quite clearly, in terms of operating costs. A high rate of climb on one engine can be had either by light wing-loading, or by excessive engine power. The first solution has to be paid for by increase in drag, reduction in cruising speed and a rise in fuel consumption per mile of payload. Excessive engine power brings with it an increase in weight for good cruising speed. No matter what course is followed, if single-engine performance is set unduly high, there comes a point at which passengers or freight can no longer be carried at reasonable rates.

In the two-engined air liner the compromise between wing-loading and power is particularly hard to make because there are only two engines. If a liner uses 2,000 h.p. for cruising it may well need all that for climbing at the required rate on one engine. It will therefore have to be fitted with two engines of 2,000 h.p. whereas it could do nicely with some smaller, lighter, cheaper and more economical to run.

If that experience should lead to some modification in standards, the two-engined liner should continue to fill a place on routes where frequency is more to be desired than big capacity. Otherwise the two-engined type will probably disappear from international routes.

### Maternity Home Noises Affected Her

Kidderminster, May 8.

A midwife was ordered, to pay £10 damages on Tuesday to a neighbour who complained that noises from the maternity home caused his 19-year-old daughter "to change her attitude toward marriage and motherhood."

County Judge T.W. Langman refused a plea for an injunction to prevent Mrs W.S. Tuck, the midwife from continuing operation of her maternity home, but warned that she must not allow "noise or cries" to disturb the neighbours.

Harry Edwards and his wife sought the injunction testifying that moans of mothers and crying babies have affected the health of their daughter Ruth, 19, to such an extent that she doesn't want to get married.—Associated Press.

Antananarivo, May 7.  
Seven rebels, armed with machine-guns, attacked a rail car travelling between Antananarivo and Tamatave in Madagascar, killing the driver. In view of the lack of safety on the line, all traffic between the two towns is now being carried by air.—Reuters.

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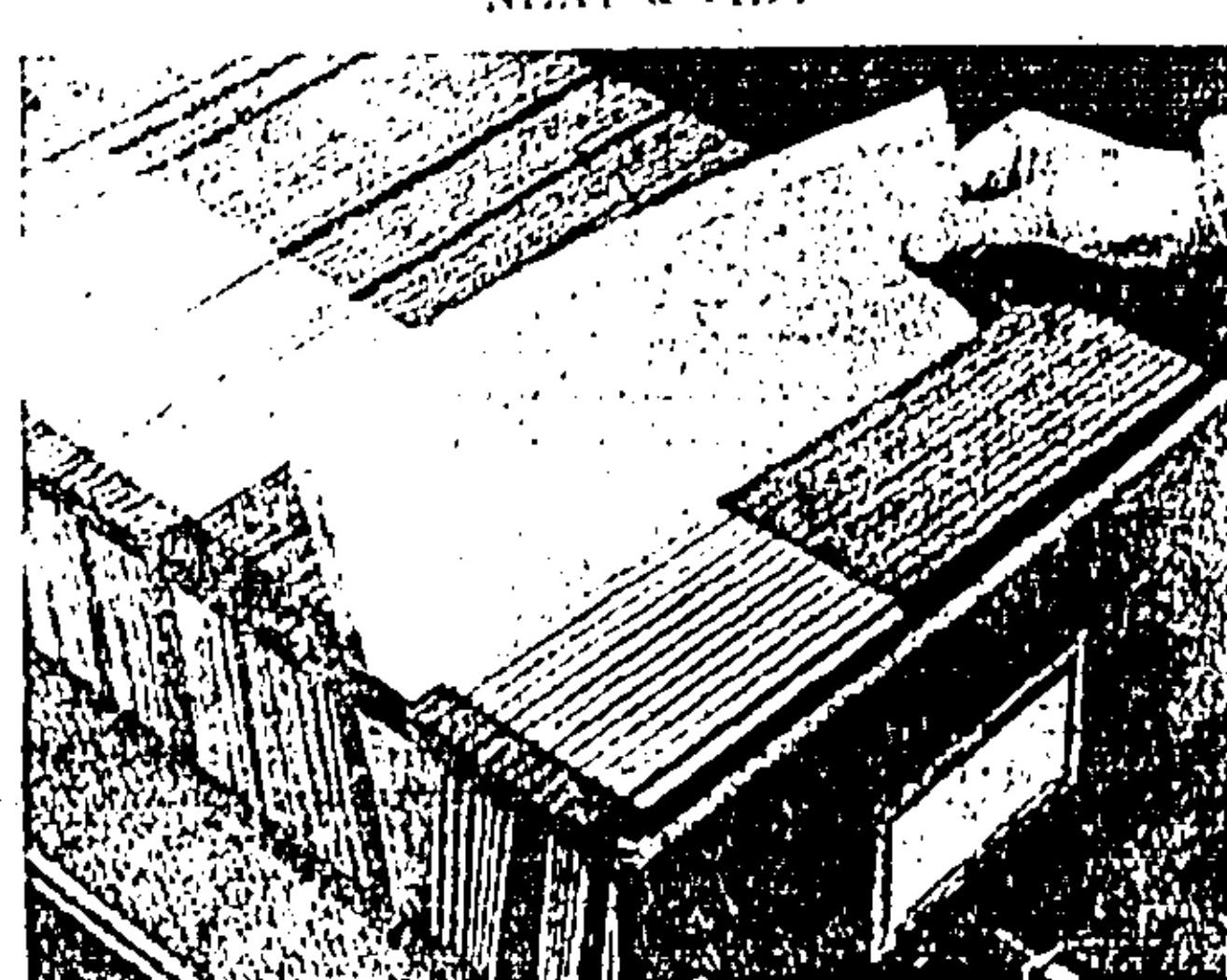
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# WHAT STALIN SAID TO BEVIN?

## Russia To Remain Aloof From Sudan Controversy; No Support For Egypt

### No Conflict Of Interests

London, May 7. A well-informed British source said today that Generalissimo Stalin informed Mr. Bevin during the Moscow conference that Russia would remain aloof from the Anglo-Egyptian treaty dispute and the Sudan controversy. Although this could not be confirmed in detail in official quarters, a high Government source conceded that Mr. Bevin and Stalin had touched briefly on the two questions during the talks in Moscow.

The government informant said that the discussions were in general terms. He quoted Stalin as saying that Russia appreciated that the British had interests in Egypt and the Middle East which were not regarded as running counter to Russian interests.

This was expected to be reflected, at least in part, in Russia's attitude in the United Nations hearing on Palestine. Although Russia believes Palestine should be independent, diplomatic sources believe she will be moderate in any attacks she makes on British policy there.

Diplomatic observers believe Russia's attitude is influenced by the fact that she is negotiating for revision for the 20 year Anglo-Russian mutual assistance treaty. They believe the two countries plan to survey each other's interests throughout the world during the treaty talks.

Russia's attitude toward the Anglo-Egyptian question first became apparent two months ago, when the official Soviet Tass Agency denied reports published in Egypt that Russia was supporting Egypt against Britain.

**Egypt Warned**

Although Tass did not elaborate, reliable diplomatic sources were told that Russia notified Egypt she could not support Egypt if and when the dispute reached the United Nations Security Council. Egypt has threatened to complain to the Council that the Anglo-Egyptian treaty and its provision for garrisoning of British troops in Egypt infringes on that country's sovereignty.

Yacoub Osman, London spokesman of the Sudanese Umma (People's) Party, said the Party had cabled the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, from Khartoum on April 14, asking the Security Council to consider the Sudanese problem.

Sudan is now governed jointly by Britain and Egypt, but Egypt has said she will ask the United Nations to proclaim Egypt's sovereignty over the territory. The Umma Party wants the Sudan to be independent.

The Umma appeal, which so far has not been answered by Mr. Lie, pointed out that there were five reasons for the Sudanese to be heard:

**Five Reasons**

1. The Sudanese have been under virtual military occupation for nearly 50 years after an imperialistic war of conquest.
2. There are no signs of the British Labour Government respecting to the Sudanese their rights, despite "sincere promises."
3. The Sudanese appeal to the United Nations constituted an

The delegation reported back that the trade unions agreed with the six points and the shipyard men agreed to return to work tomorrow.

The men had demanded that the trade unions and Burgomaster should fulfil the promises that they would support the Hamburg workers' hunger demonstrations if rations were further reduced.

The demands were that the German authorities should strengthen the measures against the black market; clean out Nazis from food organisations; distribute textiles and clothing for needy workers; improve food and transport; and issue additional food cards.

The men also protested against double summer time as detrimental to the health of workers.

Trade union representatives will meet tomorrow to decide whether or not to support the proposed hunger demonstrations.

—Reuter.

**Council On Strike**

London, May 7. Hamburg Radio reported to-night that members of the City Council of Brunswick, Germany, struck today in protest against the food situation in the British Zone.

Flights of unknown aircraft as far south as the Geneva area of Northern Thessaly have been reported by the press several times in the last few months, but these planes have never been fired on by Greek anti-aircraft or confirmed by any official source. The Greek General Staff does not take the matter seriously.

A Greek spokesman said: "Such reports are most unreliable." —United Press.

New Delhi, May 7. Sir Evan Jenkins, Governor of the Punjab, today imposed a collective fine of \$3,000,000 rupees (\$225,000) on the Moslems of Rawalpindi, where some of the worst riots in the province have taken place. —Reuter.

### PEKING LOOT

London, May 7. A valuable amber necklace looted from the royal palace of Peking during the Boxer Rising of 1900 is now on the way back to its ancient home.

Consisting of 108 amber beads each beautifully carved with the "Royal Chou" mark of China, the necklace has been bequeathed to Madame Chiang Kai-shek in the will of Mrs. Ada Townley Miller of Tonbridge Wells, Kent. Mrs. Miller was a great admirer of Madame Chiang and the Chinese people. During the war she gave many valuable gifts to the British United Aid to China with the request that they be sold to help relief work in China. —Reuter.

### Brazilian Communists Outlawed

Rio De Janeiro, May 7.

The Brazilian Communist Party has been outlawed by the Supreme Electoral Tribunal and President Eurico Gaspar Dutra has decreed the suspension of the Brazilian Federation of Labour and 21 regional labour organizations because of alleged Communist influence.

Communist Party headquarters and regional cells were immediately raided and occupied by police forces, which were alerted everywhere in the country.

The recent Supreme Electoral Tribunal voted three to one to outlaw the Communist Party on the grounds that it was incompatible with the Brazilian constitution.

Explaining the executive's action to suspend the Federation of Labour, the Labour Minister, Senator Moreira de Figueiredo, said the government had full proof that recent strikes and other labour disturbances were directed by unlisted elements affiliated with or under the influence of the Communist Party.

The Brazilian Communist Party had 200,000 registered members, the largest membership of any North or South American country. —United Press.

### At-Power Warships For USN?

Washington, May 8. The United States Navy formally announces that it is setting up a special section to try to develop atom-powered warships.

New York, May 7. The newspaper "P.M." published a report from its London correspondent today saying that Mr. Bevin told a private meeting of the Labour Party Foreign Affairs Committee that Stalin assured him in Moscow that the Soviet Government had no objection to the stationing of British troops in Egypt.

"According to Mr. Bevin, Generalissimo Stalin indicated his belief that the presence of British troops in Egypt during the war may have prevented the Arab nations from turning Fascist and giving active support to the enemy," the P.M. report said. —Reuter.

There are signs that the navy of the future will take the shape of a force for blasting enemy cities and bases rather than opposing fleets. —Associated Press.

London, May 8.

The dead went unburied in the City of London on Wednesday. "The City" is the mile square historic section of London which contains the big banks, the law courts, the newspapers and magazine offices, Billingsgate fish market and—at the moment—a strike by employees of the City Corporation. Street cleaners, bridge operators, grave diggers and all sorts of other public servants are involved in the strike which is against the promotion of a fish market policeman to sergeant. Especially the grave diggers are involved.

"The corpses are queuing to get buried," said a policeman on duty at the city's one cemetery, Nunhead Park. "The dead are lying unburied," confirmed an outraged member of Parliament, Sir Jocelyn Lucas.

"There are 25 to 30 bodies waiting to be interred," a cemetery official said. "We are advising undertakers to keep them embalmed in their mortuaries until the strike is over." —Associated Press.

Dublin, May 7. Two hundred of Dublin's 350 butcher shops were closed today in a one-day protest strike against the small margin of profit they are allowed under controlled prices. —United Press.

Dublin, May 7. The Finance Minister, Mr. Frank Aiken, introducing Eire's new \$50,000,000 budget in the Dail today, announced that the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes would be raised from 16d to 1s 8d. —United Press.

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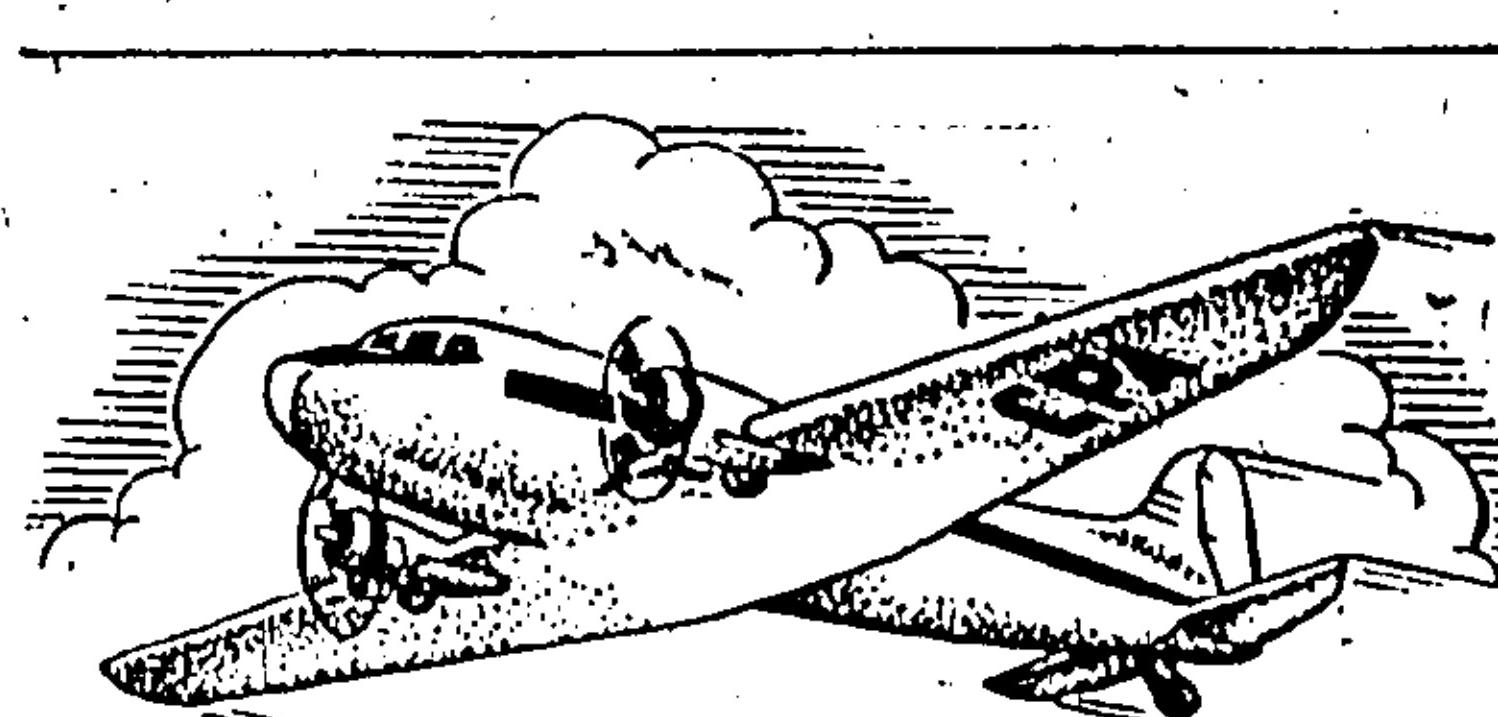
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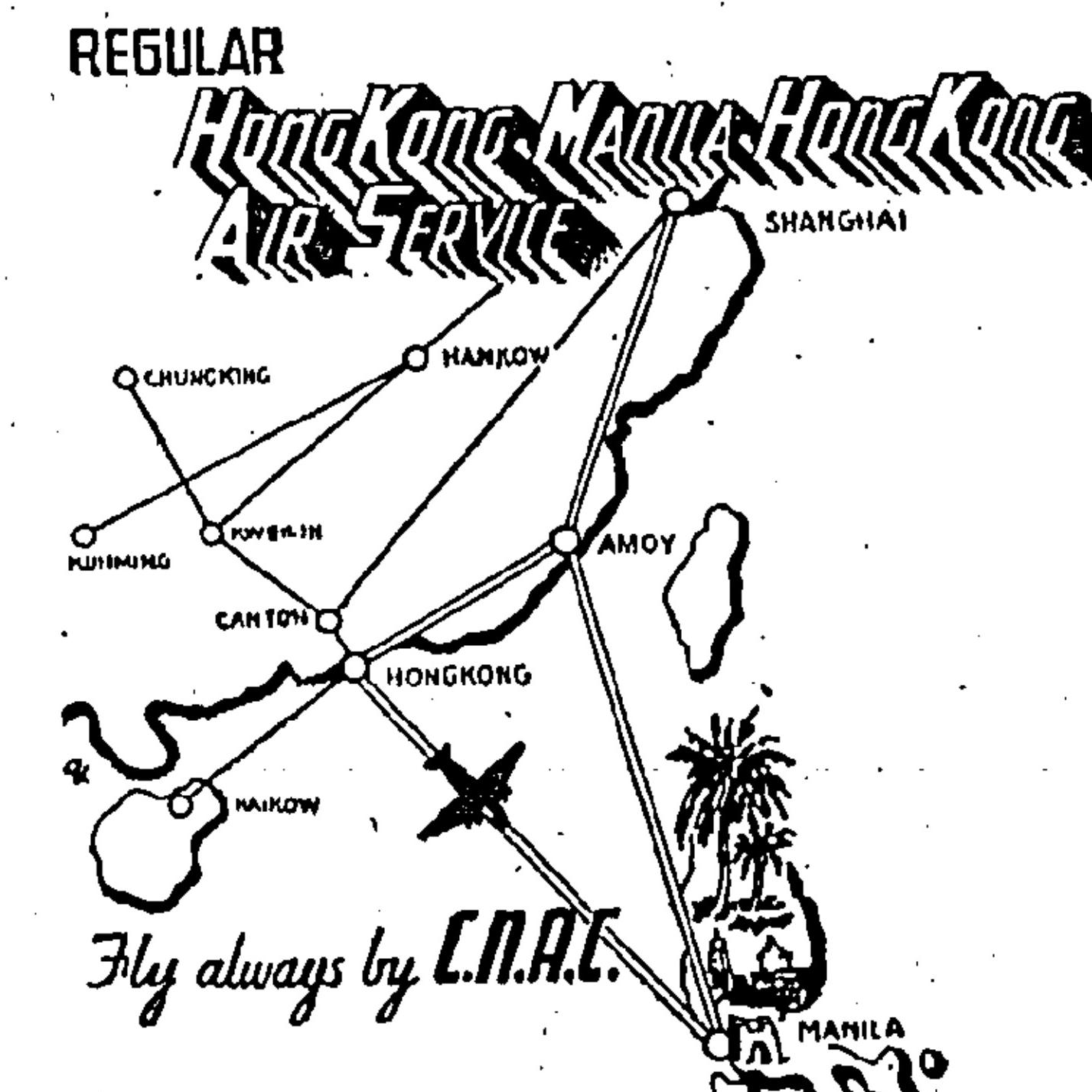
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**Bevin Statement On Japanese Industrial Reparations**

London, May 7. Mr. Bevin, Foreign Secretary, answering a question in the House of Commons today about Japanese industrial equipment, said that within the framework of policy decisions of the Far Eastern Commission, General MacArthur, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, was now designating Japanese industrial facilities for removal as reparations. No removals, however, had yet been made. General MacArthur had invited all the Governments represented on the Far Eastern Commission to send official missions to Tokyo to deal with him on problems of reparations, restitution and restoration, Mr. Bevin added.

In restitution matters, the Mission's functions were to inspect property for purposes of identification; to present claims for looted goods; to request that searches be made for missing items believed to be in Japan; to accept title to goods on behalf of their Governments; and to arrange for the transportation of such property from Japan.

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**Main Task**

One of their main tasks would be, of course, to secure the restitution of British property looted by the Japanese and to ensure that it was not made available for reparations, he said. If cases arose, where for any reason identifiable loot found in Japan could not be returned, claims for compensation would be made.

Mr. Bevin was answering a question by Mr. Walter Fletcher (Conservative), who wanted to know what proportion of Japan's industrial equipment and material removed, or to be removed as reparations, had originally been obtained by seizure or looting from other countries; what action the Minister proposed to take to see that such property, or its equivalent value, was returned and if he would impress upon General MacArthur the need for admitting to Japan those who had such claims in order to pursue their legitimate inquiries.—Reuter.

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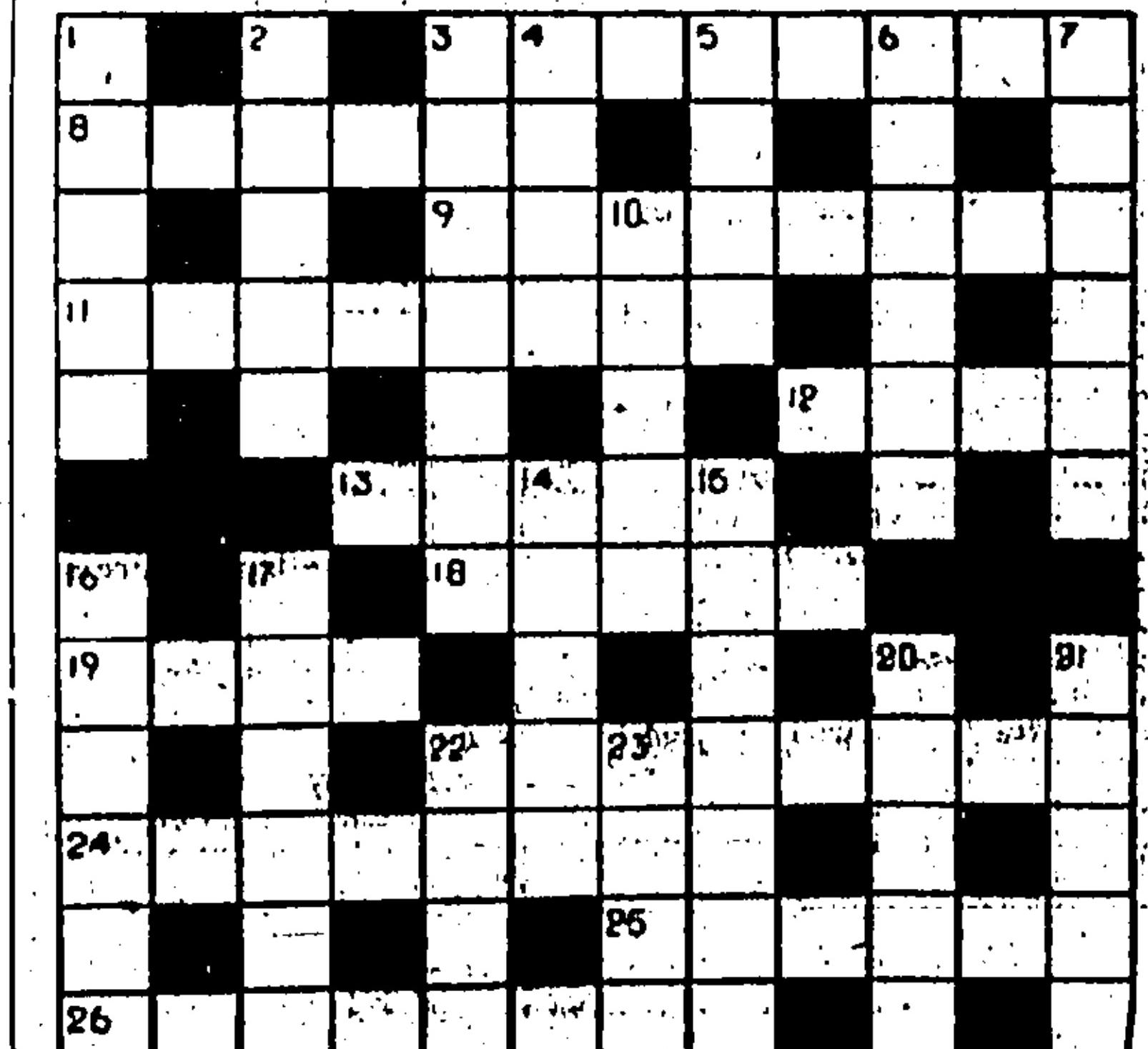
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**A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE****Clues Across**

- 3. Fortifications. 10. Possessions.
- 4. Separated. 22. Pay out.
- 5. Adorn. 24. Abstaining from alcohol.
- 6. Hellish. 25. Seller.
- 7. Burden. 26. Foligno.
- 8. Introduce. 27. Foligno.
- 9. The devil. 28. Choke.
- 10. Possessions. 29. Decamped.
- 11. Timorous. 30. Acumen.
- 12. Deporta. 31. Elbow.
- 13. Asinine. 32. Bent.
- 14. Mount. 33. Blevee.
- 15. Distr. 34. Veered.
- 16. Trencher. 35. Choked.
- 17. Comatose.

Down: 1. Mar. 14. Custom.

2. Current. 15. Hiker.

3. Reparation. 16. Native.

4. Red Sea. 17. Revel.

5. Pond. 18. Hauteur.

6. Motive. 19. Core.

7. Stable. 20. Soft.

8. Embryo. 21. Feathers.

9. Thorn. 22. Rescue.

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**SILVER MARKET**

New York, May 7.

The distorted statistical situation in the silver market today broke prices by two cents per ounce. A seller representing a Mexican producer, who had not offered silver of New York for almost three months and only last week began tenders again, told Reuter he had the most difficult time in disposing of intake since last week and a considerable quantity of silver is piled up from intake.

Because the intake reached "unreasonable" proportions, this seller today decided to try and force offerings. Most prominent consumers heard what was going on and promptly adjusted both price and delivery.—Reuter.

**H.K. Stock Exchange**

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would act on behalf of the United Kingdom, Burma and the colonies were now expected to arrive in Japan before the end of May, Mr. Bevin declared.

Jerusalem, May 7.

Dr. Max Seligman, prominent Tel-Aviv lawyer, is scheduled to arrive in New York tomorrow afternoon on a public mission.

Dr. Seligman became widely known outside Palestine for his unavailing efforts to get commutation of the death sentence for the Jew terrorist, Dov Bela Gruner. He will take a leading part in the campaign conducted by the Asyal Zion Fund, Incorporated, 140 West 42nd Street, New York, to raise money for the relief of families of the dependents of Jewish Palestinian political detainees and deportees in Palestine and Kenya.

Dr. Seligman, born in Cardiff, in 1903, settled in Palestine in 1921 and began his law practice 17 years ago.

Dr. Seligman said, before his departure today on the direct Palestine-New York T.W.A. plane:

"I feel strongly about the inequalities of the iron-clad military rule over Palestine. I think that much of the recent legislation is incompatible with Britain's mandate. I shall endeavour to challenge these draconian laws before an appropriate international tribunal."—Reuter.

The official said that a meeting of the Bank's board was being held later today, when the final decision might be expected.

The \$200,000 loan would be the first instalment on the request for \$500,000 application that France made, many months ago. The loan would be the first one granted by the Bank since its inception.

The final discussions between the Bank and the French authorities have been conducted by Mr. Christian Valensi, Financial Counsellor at the French Embassy, and Mr. Wilfred Baumgartner, head of the Credit National.

The official declined to speculate on the possible effect of the loan decision of any new and drastic political developments inside France. It is considered possible in well informed quarters, however, that such a development might force further postponement in the Bank's already long delayed decision.—Reuter.

Associated Press.

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Switow, 10 a.m.

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India, Ceylon, Malaya, East and South Africa, 1 p.m.

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"HANYANG" ..... Shanghai & Tientsin 4 p.m. 17th May  
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Sails 10 a.m. 11th May.  
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"EURYTATES" ..... New York via Straits & Port Said 12th May

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"STENTOR" ..... U.S.A. via Manila & Shanghai Early June

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"TAIPING" ..... Australia 1st week June

**Sailings to**

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Tel. No. 22662**NEW CHINESE BUDGET**  
**Spending Exceeds Estimate****U.S. Brown Cotton Priority**

Washington, May 7. Senator John Sparkman, Democrat of Alabama, revealed today that American brown cotton has been given the inside track in Japan and the British and American zones of Germany for the balance of the year.

He said an agreement to use only American cotton there has been worked out by a special Senate Cotton Committee of which he is a member, and by the War, State and Agriculture Departments. He said the departments are at present studying a longer-range committee requested for the restoration of that United States pre-war cotton export market in Japan and Germany after this year.

Senator Sparkman said the present agreement was worked out after 29 Senators for cotton-growing states met to discuss a report that Government was about to buy 1,000,000 bales of foreign cotton for export to Japan and Germany.

He expressed confidence that the nation's trade with Japan and Germany will be re-established and the "United States will regain its favourable position in the world cotton market." —United Press.

**Trip To China Queried**

Washington, May 8. Senator Wherry, Republican, said today he will ask Secretary of Interior Krug to justify his recent trip to China as "official business."

Wherry said he was reliably informed that Krug was over-drawn on his travel allotment.

Wherry said Krug could travel to the Pacific island possessions under his jurisdiction but "here we have \$16,000 for a trip that went beyond insular possessions, and I understand the President has asked the War Department to pay for that trip. Let us have justification for that."

Wherry made that statement in the appropriations subcommittee meeting investigating travel expenses in connection with the Committee consideration of a cut in the Interior Department funds from \$235,000,000 to \$161,000,000.—Associated Press.

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Tel. No. 22662**Austrians Want To Be Independent**

Nanking, May 8. An official government release yesterday said Finance Minister O.K. Yui, presenting a CNY\$20,000,000,000 budget to the State Council, disclosed that China's note issue up to date totals "over CNY4,000,000,000."

Yui said there is sufficient specific support for the issue. The government release said Yui revealed the note issue because of wide speculation by non-government circles.

Yui explained to the State Council that the new budget is necessary because the expenditure in the first four months of the fiscal year has far exceeded the estimate.

Yui said the original estimated expenditure for the year was CNY\$8,000,000,000,000 while the original estimated revenue was CNY\$7,300,000,000,000.

During January, February, March and April, expenditure amounted to CNY\$6,000,000,000,000 while revenue was only CNY\$2,000,000,000,000.

It added that the implications of the revised budget are: Firstly, it means that there will be a greater rate of inflation. Secondly, it means that money is being provided for the civil war, which will last longer than originally envisaged, and Thirdly, even with the promised United States loan, there is no visible hope for any immediate and possible cure for China's bankrupted economy.—Reuter.

**New Korean Party**

Seoul, May 7. Yuval Woon-heung, former leader of the People's Front—a coalition of Southern Korean Leftist parties—who resigned from politics last January, today announced the platform of his new "Labouring People's Party."

He said the aims were to "carry out a democratic revolution by unifying anti-Japanese and anti-Fascists on such subjects as fishing, communications and transportation."

He demanded "considerable reparations from Japan. As part of the land reforms, he also demanded the 'lands of Japanese,' and said:

"The household of Prince Lee and the temples must be confiscated and distributed to farmers."—United Press.

**Bank Deposits**

Nanking, May 8. The official Central Daily News said today the Finance Ministry has drafted a series of regulations providing for the repayment of pre-war bank deposits on the basis of the inflated dollar.

The regulations are before the Executive Yuan for approval, the paper reported.

The regulations do not cover pre-war Government and private loans which would be paid on face value.—United Press.

**Ticket To Chaos**

Shanghai, May 8. "A one-way ticket to economic

**Shipping List**

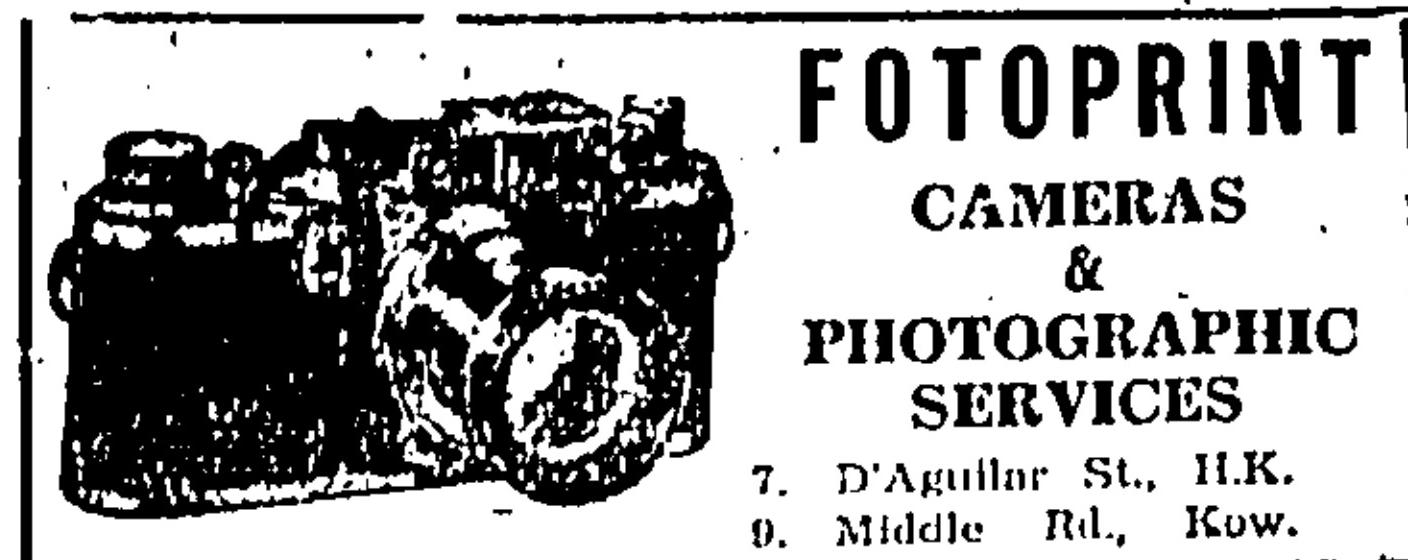
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Brile (Thessaloniki)	R.4
Bost.	Kin. Wharf
Batum (Glimmer)	Holt's Wharf
Bredene (J.C.L.)	Kin. Wharf
Calcutta II (Texas Oil)	Linchuk
Changchun (H. & S.)	E.S. Po
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Equine Dick	Kin. Wharf
Enrique Lardeur (Williamson) Shumshabad	Rin. Wharf
Engure Mountain (Moller)	Rin. Wharf
Empire Park (Johushan)	R.4
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Fengtien (H. & S.)	North Pt.
Fuji (A.P.C.)	Kin. Wharf
Gadlin (A.P.C.)	Kin. Wharf
Hsi Tan (Douglas)	Douglas Wharf
Harmatzel (Dobwell)	Rin. Bay
Helikos (Wo Fat Sing)	Takao DK
Hedrich Jason (Bank Line)	Kin. Wharf
Hien (Ta Hsin)	R.16
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Indonesia (A.P.C.)	Shumshabad
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Miyazaki (H. & S.)	Takao DK
Min Chih (Bank Line)	Takao DK
Min Jen (Glimmer)	Yunnan
Nordic (Dobwell)	Takao DK
Panamanian (Williamson)	Stonecutters
Pauline Moller (Moller)	Kin. Wharf
Perilock (Walem)	Takao DK
Ting Wu (Jardine)	Yunnan
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Silver Valour (J.C.L.)	Kin. Wharf
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Yenchiang (J.C.L.)	Takao DK
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The new canyons are 120 miles south of the present mouth of the Murray. One canyon is two miles wide. The other is six miles wide. The depth of the water at the rim is about 400 feet while soundings show the depth of the greatest canyon is at least 4,500 feet.

The canyons were discovered by the frigate "Lachlan" while charting the South Australian coastline for the establishment of a deepwater harbour at Robe. The ship's officers say the undersea gulch is like the Colorado River in the sea.

Dr. Fenner, authority on South Australia's geography, says the canyon may have been carved out at an earlier glacial period.</



# CHINA MAIL

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## SHANGHAI RICE RIOTS Price Of Grain Continues To Rise Dealers Ask For Protection

**Shanghai, May 8.** Rice riots spread through Shanghai today as the price of China's staple continued to climb upwards reaching a new high of C.N.S.360,000 per picul. The majority of shop owners refused to open their doors for fear of violence.

"For people are still unable to buy the staple in many localities," the government-owned China Daily Tribune reported, "as the shops preferred to sell their stock to rich people who can buy several piculs in one transaction."

Because of the continuing increase, wealthy families bought several month's supply during the last few days, partially accounting for the shortage of rice, the paper added.

More than 200 persons stormed one shop and carried away a dozen bags of rice when the owner claimed his supply had been exhausted. These people had waited in long lines for hours to buy the rice.

### Night Attack

No one was injured but the shop's doors were torn off the hinges and furniture was wrecked.

Ten bags were taken from another shop in a raid attack by a large mob.

In other reported incidents police arrived before the rice was stolen.

Two thousand tons of rice presented to China by the Siamese government arrived in Shanghai.

A government purchase of 6,000 tons from Rangoon is being unloaded.

Meanwhile the city government is continuing to allocate 9,000 bags daily to various shops.

### 500 Per Cent Rise

The price of rice in Shanghai has increased 500 per cent since January when it sold at C.N.S.60,000 per picul.

During the past weeks the price of other local produce foodstuffs has increased 50 percent while imported goods jumped more than 100 percent in some cases and seldom less than 75 percent.

Prices of other commodities declined slightly because of the tight money market.

The slump was started by a general tobogganing in the share market where prices of all shares dropped to the bottom limit.

With cash scant, most commodity hoarders unloaded their goods to secure cash. Associated Press.

### More Rioting

More than 200 rice dealers this morning asked Mayor Wu for effective protection against mobs as isolated rioting continued in the city's western districts.

City Government officials revealed possible changes in the present rationing system submitted to the Central authorities for a more effective distribution of food.

In reply, Mayor Wu promised

## RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30, to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.15 p.m.—Piano, Double Maracas and Keys.

1.30 p.m.—A Choice of Colour.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—London Transcription Service: "Ambrose and Anne," Ambrose & His Orchestra with Anne Shelton (Vocal).

7.00 p.m.—Studio: "You Asked For It," Variety Request Programme arranged by Lynn Fraser.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.

8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.

8.15 p.m.—London Transcription Service: "Bernard in the Stars".

8.30 p.m.—Bill Crosby and the Andrews Sisters.

8.45 p.m.—"Marital Moments".

9.00 p.m.—London Transcription Service: "Believe Me, It's True," "The Grade".

9.30 p.m.—Studio: "Piano Recital by Luisa Ghiafati".

9.30 p.m.—Orchestra Interlude.

10.00 p.m.—Lor's Relay News.

10.10 p.m.—Verde's "Italoletto"—Act 1.

Principals, Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala Opera House, Milan.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

### HONG KONGITES, PLEASE NOTE

Birmingham, May 7.  
People who live in crowded houses should think twice before quarrelling, said a judge, dismissing a divorce suit today.

Graham Barker brought the suit on the grounds that after he had argued with his wife Mary, she went to sleep in the only other room in the house—her stepfather's. Barker alleged adultery had taken place.—United Press.

## British Food Crisis

London, May 8.  
Lord Woolton, Britain's wartime Minister of Food, said on Wednesday that Great Britain is in danger of a food crisis as serious as last winter's coal strike.

"I consider that the nation's food is inadequate to maintain the nation's health," Lord Woolton, chairman of the Conservative party, told the House of Lords.

He spoke 24 hours after a British dietician, Dr. Franklin Bicknell, said in a magazine article that "England is dying of starvation."

Lord Henderson, replying for the Government, said that current stocks of wheat and flour were rising prices, swept down on rice merchants, wrecking nine shops and taking 320 bags of rice.

A small group of police was chased away when they tried to interview and one policeman was wounded.

The police, plus an army battalion of gendarmes from the suburbs, restored order, arresting nine mobsters. Martial law was later declared and gendarmes were posted at rice shops.

In Pukow, known as the "paupers' town," housewives found merchants had upped the price

of rice from the usual C.N.S.200,000 per bag to N.C.S.230,000 and an hour later to N.C.S.300,000.

The housewives went home with empty baskets and told their husbands, who decided to march up Chinkuo Street, where the shops were located, and smashed up the shops. The merchants had to their heels.—United Press.

## Marshall's Tribute To Chang Chun

Washington, May 7.

The U.S. Secretary of State, General Marshall, in his first press conference since his return from Moscow, today paid tribute to the new Chinese Prime Minister, Chang Chun. General Marshall said he regarded Chang as a personal friend and admired him very much. He hoped the new Cabinet could do something constructive toward forming a representative Government.

The Secretary recalled that when he was in China he had hoped to obtain funds for the reconstruction of the Canton-Hankow railroad and near Tientsin, but so far there had been no success in arranging that.

Asked what were the possibilities of extending the June 30 deadline for the Export-Import Bank credit to China, General Marshall said the National Assembly Council would have to decide on that.

General Marshall said at the opening of the conference that he had no announcements or formal statements to make and forthwith opened the conference to questions.

Covering the whole field of foreign relations, highlights of the question and answer session were:

### Highlights

1. General Marshall thinks the State Department should take over from the War Department the administration of United States occupation areas.

2. United States officials are considering machinery for drafting the Japanese peace treaty but nothing definite thereon is at present known.

3. The State Department will soon present to Congress a financial aid programme for Korea.

4. General Marshall believes the recent steps to broaden the Chinese Government were in the right direction.

5. Reports of Anglo-American differences over the merging of their zones in Germany are exaggerated.—United Press.

### USIS

The Secretary said complete elimination of funds for the State Department's foreign information and cultural programme was serious at a time when the Department should be deploying its forces everywhere. He said the Department was engaged in a battle for peace and was not demobilizing.

The information service was highly important, he revealed, and he did not want to go into any future international conferences where the side could say anything and the United States could say nothing to combat such allegations.—United Press.

## Formosan War Crimes Trial

Prisoners of War at Heito Camp in Formosa were continually sick in what amounted to a regular cycle of illnesses. Mr. R. C. M. Comfort (who was a POW at Heito) told No. 7 War Crimes Court yesterday when trial continued of Col. Nakano Junichi, commanding officer of POW Camps in Formosa, and two of his subordinate officers.

The cycle would start with malaria, Mr. Comfort said, leading to a loss of appetite and revulsion against the rice diet. This would be followed by oedema and starvation diarrhoea as the appetite came back, and the POW would scarcely recover from this when he would be down with malaria again.

Up to December, 1942, there were virtually no drugs at Heito. The officers then clubbed together to raise 500 yen monthly, with which sum a Japanese Medical NCO would make purchases of the more necessary drugs. During the malaria season, the helpless sick would amount to as many as 200 out of a total complement of 60 officers and 440 other ranks.

When contract working parties were started, the working party quotas were filled in from men who were on the sick list. There were always a number of men suffering from tropical ulcers who needed rest but were not given the opportunity. During the period he was at Heito from November, 1942, to June, 1943, there were about 58 deaths among the POWs.

A man or fish ration was issued about once every eight or nine days. The largest quantity ever received at one time was 40 lb. of shark meat. The diet otherwise consisted of a mixture of rice and barley and a small quantity of soup flavoured with soy sauce. Red Cross parcels were not issued till some months after they arrived and were finally issued in opened half-tins.

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On a wicket which did not afford him any help, Plimsoil left arm medium fast bowler, kept up a sustained attack of good length and direction and took four for 35.

Nourse, previously unlucky in being dismissed before he had settled down, showed all his class, although he did not attempt to open his shoulders till his eye was in.

P. B. Datta, of India, made a useful 20 for the University, scoring with confident strokes all round the wicket and he clean bowled Alan Mulville when the South African captain appeared in opened half-tins.

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At Oxford—Yorkshire 330 for six (Hutton 103, Wilson 51, Leyden 64, Coxon 50).

At Lords: Surrey 209 (Fletcher 50), M.C.C. 63 for three.

At Portsmouth — Hampshire Royal Navy by Innings and 10 runs. Hampshire 310 (Holt 92, Corkell 76), Royal Navy 169 (Lieutenant Boys 69) and 132 (Heathcote 27).—Reuter.

There are no drastic alterations in the conduct of the game, rather, the MCC have sought to remove ambiguities.—Reuter.

### WOOSUNG STREET BROTHEL

Lo Hi, 39, widow, was at Kowloon yesterday fined \$250 and recommended to be evicted from her premises by Mr. Latimer when she pleaded guilty to keeping 98 Woosung Street, second floor, as a brothel. Seven girls and three European males were found on the premises, which contained four cubicles when the place was raided by S.I.W.G. Morrison, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

### BERMUDA TO STAY BRITISH

London, May 7.  
Britain has made it clear to Bermuda that she has no intention of transferring the sovereignty of the colony to the United States to help repay the American loan, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, declared in the House of Commons today. Such a suggestion had been made in the American press.

Answering a question, Mr. Creech Jones said that the Governor of Bermuda was authorized last March to state that the British Government did not contemplate any transfer of British colonies and dependencies in the Western Hemisphere.—Reuters.

## Interporters Off To Shanghai

The Hong Kong Interport Football team, composed of seventeen players, leave today by a C.N.A.C. plane for Shanghai where they will play four games.

With the exception of Powell and Fung King-cheong, the players chosen were the most outstanding in the Football League just concluded and it is expected that they will be able to hold their own in the Northern port.

Cheung Kam-hoi, the Sing Shanghai Chinese v Rest of Hong Kong and Shanghai.

The following is the probable team for the Interport:

Cruske; Huo Yung-sang and Tsui Kam-hung; Lau Chung-sang (Vice Captain), A. Alonso and Fung Kwan-shing; Tsui Kam-ho, Sullivan or Lai Shiu-wing or Chau Man-chi (Captain); Sewell, Sullivan, Lai Shiu-wing or Chau Man-chi and Tso Chau-ting.

The team returns to Hong Kong on Saturday, May 17, by plane.

## American Baseball

New York, May 8.

Cardinal Centerfielder Terry Moore cracked a Homer with one on base

in the seventh inning to enable St. Louis to beat Brooklyn 2 to 1 in the National League.

It was Pitcher Howie Pollet's

first win of the season against three defeats.

Brooklyn scored its

first run in the eighth inning when Rightfielder Dixie Walker,

who had doubled, crossed the plate on Catcher Bruce Edwards's single.

Rain and unseasonably cold

weather brought another wave of postponements, the Cardinal-Dodger contest being the only day-game played in the major circuits.

In a night game, Boston defeated Pittsburgh 3 to 2.

Freezing temperatures in the midwest caused the postponement of three American games—the New York-Cleveland; Washington-Detroit and Boston-Chicago contests.

As far as tennis aptitude is concerned either player may be deemed unlucky to lose, and experts who have seen both players think there is little to choose, i.e. on present form, between them. With a grueling 5 set match at stake it may very possibly be decided by physical endurance, for the man who can thunder up to the net to volley time and again in the final sets is usually found to be the winner.

Ten Linesmen plus the Net Umpire and Umpire, making 12 in all, will be required and are asked to be in their places before the match is due to commence. With seating accommodation limited to only 300 in the \$2 Section and some 500 in the \$1 Section, it may be necessary to reserve a block of seats for Shanghai supporters. However, as in the past, it will be best to get through the stiles by 5.15 in the Single, Shanghai versus Hong Kong, will be off at 5.30 sharp.—C.W.L.W.

## TOURISTS TIE DOWN CANTAB BATSMEN

London, May 7.  
The South Africans were in a strong position, being six runs in front with six wickets in hand at the end of the first day's play in their match against Cambridge University.

The Cambridge batsmen were so tied down that they were only able to score 116 in over three hours' batting in their first innings. In reply, the South Africans had made 122 for four at the close of play.

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